

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

CHARLES GATES,

Plaintiff,

v.

WAL-MART STORES, INC.,

Defendant.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. H-06-1703

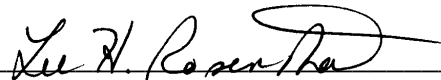
ORDER

Counsel for plaintiff has filed a Motion to Compel, (Docket Entry No. 19). The filing of this motion is inconsistent with this court's procedures, which require the following:

Any party wishing to make any discovery motion should arrange for a conference with the court before the preparation and submission of any motion papers. Call, fax, or e-mail Mrs. Eddins at [Lisa Eddins@txs.uscourts.gov](mailto:Lisa.Eddins@txs.uscourts.gov) at any time to arrange for a premotion conference and notify your adversary of the date and time fixed for the conference, subject to the availability of opposing counsel. The fax number is (713) 250-5213. To the extent that the proposed motion can be disposed of upon oral presentation at the conference, this will be done. If papers are necessary, the issues to be addressed and a schedule for the briefs will be defined in the conference.

This motion is stricken. Counsel is directed to seek a premotion conference to address the subject matter of the motion.

SIGNED on February 14, 2007, at Houston, Texas.



Lee H. Rosenthal
United States District Judge